

# SLAV 740 Bibliography and Methods



## Library research pre-assessment

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519 Watson Library (Level 5)

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### Background

1. What other courses that are you taking this semester (this helps me customize the sessions)?

2. What are your specific research interests?

3. What languages you know? Indicate level of proficiency?      Advanced    Intermediate    Novice

	Advanced	Intermediate	Novice
a.			
b.			
c.			

Comments:

### General Library

4. Have you had a general tour of Watson Library?

5. Where can you find books placed on reserve by your instructors?

6. In which section of Watson Library would you find important bibliographies, encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, etc.?

7. Where in Watson Library would you find paper copies of current periodicals (magazines and scholarly journals)?

### Catalogs and Databases

8. What academic/university library catalogs have you used. Rate your level of skill in using them to do research?

	High	Medium	Low
a.			
b.			
c.			
Comments:			

9. What is Worldcat and why is it useful?

10. Which article databases have you used and what is your level of comfort or familiarity with them?

	High	Medium	Low
a. Academic Search Premier			
b. American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies			
c. Expanded Academic ASAP			
d. JSTOR			
e. MLA International Bibliography			
f. Project Muse			
g. ProQuest Research Library			
h. Wilson Omnifile			
Comments:			

11. How do you find scholarly journal articles when no electronic copy is available?

### Search Techniques

12. What are Boolean operators and why are they useful?

13. What are Library of Congress Subject Headings, and why are they useful?

14. Explain as best you can the Library of Congress Classification (or call number) system?

15. Please transliterate the passage below into Romanized script (Latin letters) following the Library of Congress transliteration scheme.

“Мой дядя самых честных правил,  
Когда не в шутку занемог,...”  
(Глава первая, I:1-2)

16. Which citation styles have you used? Rate your familiarity with them. High Medium Low

	High	Medium	Low
a. MLA			
b. Chicago			
c. APA			

Comments:

17. Which citation management software have you used? Rate your familiarity them. High Medium Low

	High	Medium	Low
a. RefWorks			
b. Endnote			
c. Reference Manager			

Comments:

**Miscellaneous**

18. Which Journals in Slavic Studies are you familiar with?

19. Which online bilingual dictionaries to you prefer?

20. What is a national bibliography?

